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SUBJECT: ELECTRICAL POWER

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- 1. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ISRAELI POWER. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK EXPRESSED BY COLONEL DANI IN REFTEL B DID NOT PREVAIL WITH COLONEL LEVINSON.
- 2. AS YOU WILL NOTE IN REFTEL C, WE DID NOT INTEND TO LIMIT THE INVESTIGATION OF ALTERNATE SOURCES OF POWER TO J-1. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER ANY REASONABLE SOURCE OF POWER WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE ISRAELIS, EITHER FROM MILITARY OR COMMERCIAL SOURCES WHICH PRESENTLY EXIST OR COULD BE PLACED WITHIN A FEW KILOMETERS OF BASE CAMP, E. G., ISRAELI FACILITY NEAR CHECKPOINT BRAVO.
- 3. IT WAS ALSO RECOGNIZED IN REFTEL C THAT ISRAELI AND SFM POWER ARE DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES. CATERPILLAR EQUIPCONFIDENTIAL

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MENT WHICH IS IN COMMON USE IN ISRAEL CAN BE USED TO GENERATE EITHER 60 HERTZ OR 50 HERTZ BY SIMPLE FIELD ADJUSTMENTS. OUR CONCEPT IS TO OBTAIN POWER FROM AN ISRAELI

POWER GENERATING POOL WHICH HAS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE SFM AND ISRAELI FACILITIES.
UNDER THIS CONCEPT THE PRESENT SFM POWER PLANT WOULD

REMAIN IN A STATE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS AND WOULD BE USED TO POWER THE SFM BASE CAMP IN CASE OF AN ISRAELI POWER CUTBACK OR FAILURE.

4. THUS, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO REOPEN THIS SUBJECT. IF AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ISRAELIS MAINTAIN NEGATIVE STANCE, PERHAPS WE COULD APPROACH EGYPTIANS WITH REQUEST THEY CONSIDER E-1 POWER TIE-IN. HOWEVER, IF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED IN REFTEL A ARE IN YOUR VIEW PERSUASIVE, YOU MAY WISH TO DEFER FURTHER ACTION UNTIL KONTOS ARRIVES. VANCE

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